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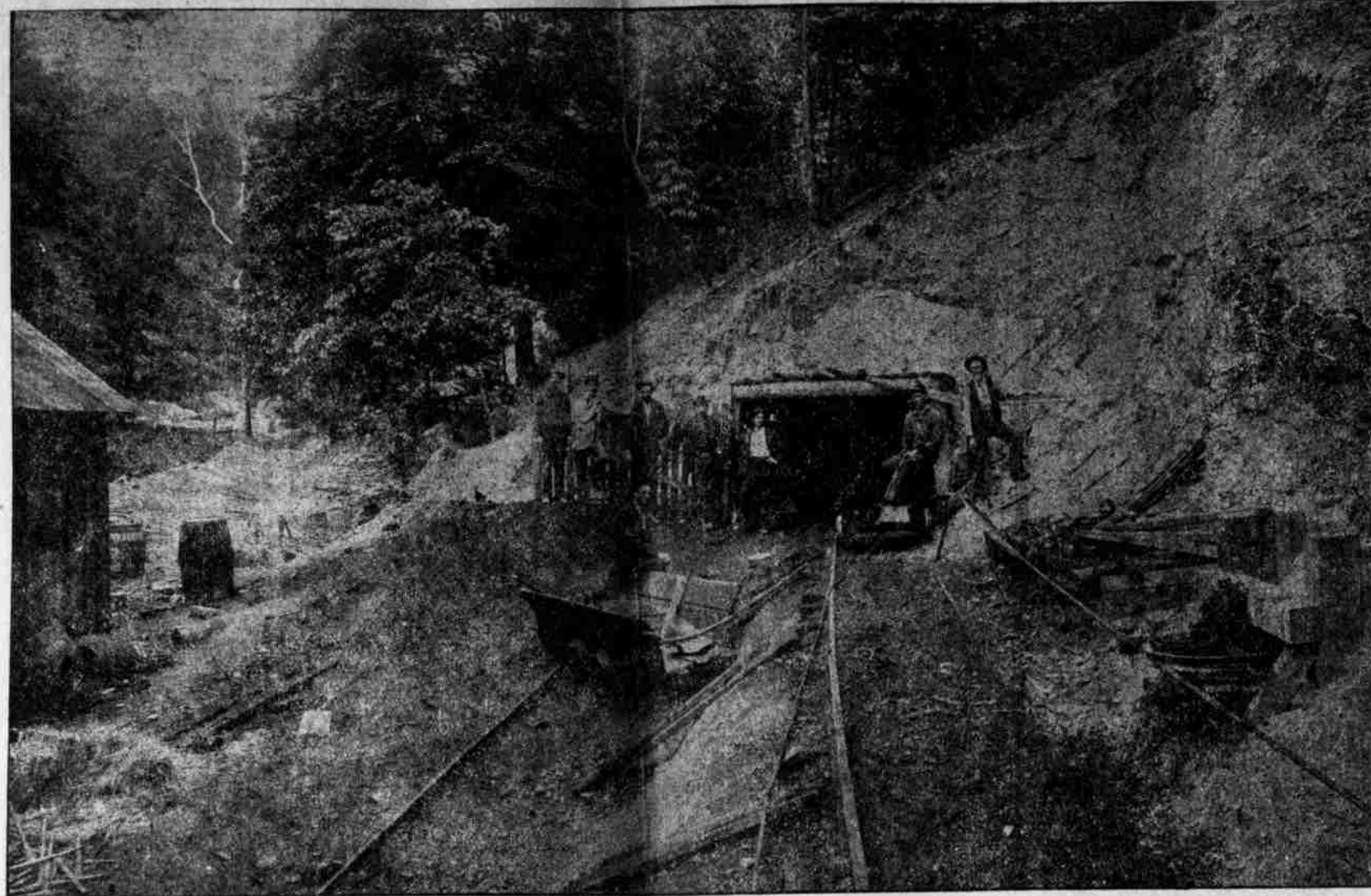
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## FRATERVILLE MINE COAL CREEK, TENN.

WHERE 184 MEN AND BOYS WERE SUFFOCATED BY DEADLY GAS, MAY 19, 1902.

Names of Deceased.	Place of Burial.	Names of Deceased.	Place of Burial.
1 Geo. W. Adkins.....Longfield		93 N. Massengill, Jr.....Miners' Circle	
2 Conda Adkins.....Longfield		94 Jas. E. McDonald.....Beech Grove	
3 P. A. Adkins (F).....Miners' Circle		95 Wm. Morgan.....Beech Grove	
4 Chas. Adkins (S).....Miners' Circle		96 David P. O'Dell.....Miners' Circle	
5 Robert H. Allen.....Miners' Circle		97 Charles R. Orben.....Leach	
6 A. H. Alfred.....Miners' Circle		98 Hillery C. Pitman.....Miners' Circle	
7 William A. Alfred.....Miners' Circle		99 W. F. Pitman.....Miners' Circle	
8 Enoch A. Alfred.....Miners' Circle		100 J. Taylor Pratt.....Big Valley	
9 William B. Angel.....Knoxville		101 Thomas Prince.....Longfield	
10 Henry C. Brooks.....Miners' Circle		102 Robert Price.....Beech Grove	
11 Jas. A. Brooks.....Miners' Circle		103 Oscar Reynolds.....Longfield	
12 R. S. W. Brooks (F).....Miners' Circle		104 Wm. Reynolds.....Longfield	
13 Chas. Brooks (S).....Miners' Circle		105 J. Frank Reynolds.....Longfield	
14 James F. Bennett.....Longfield		106 Andrew J. Reynolds.....Longfield	
15 Conda Bennett.....Wilson		107 Levi Riggs.....Longfield	
16 Charles Bennett.....Wilson		108 Roy Riggs.....Longfield	
17 Wm. Brymer.....Miners' Circle		109 Porter Robertson.....Longfield	
18 John Bullock, Jr.....Murrayville		110 Walter Roberts.....Miners' Circle	
19 Henry C. Beach.....Longfield		111 Wm. H. Roberts.....Leach	
20 Roscoe Brantly.....Miners' Circle		112 Edgar Sorrells.....Briceville	
21 John C. Chapman.....Miners' Circle		113 David H. Stansberry.....Longfield	
22 Chas. J. Chapman.....Miners' Circle		114 Lewis Stansberry.....Longfield	
23 Scott Chapman.....Island Ford		115 "Red" J. Smith (F) Miners' Circle	
24 Wm. Currutt.....Miners' Circle		116 Forrest Smith (S) Miners' Circle	
25 P. C. Childress (F).....Heiskell		117 Rob Smith (Mst'n).....Briceville	
26 W. C. Childress (S).....Heiskell		118 R. H. Smith.....Miners' Circle	
27 John Childress (S).....Heiskell		119 Edward Smiddy.....Longfield	
28 James Childress (S).....Heiskell		120 Joseph Smiddy.....Longfield	
29 Richard N. Cox.....Peabody		121 Andrew Stooksberry.....Longfield	
30 John L. Cooper.....Indian Creek		122 Charles T. Stevens.....Leach	
31 James F. Cooper.....Indian Creek		123 Alex B. Scott.....Wiley	
32 Thomas Cooper.....Indian Creek		124 Jacob Sharp (F).....Macedonia	
33 Charles Carden.....Disney		125 Roscoe Sharp (S).....Macedonia	
34 John D'Zern.....Miners' Circle		126 Benj. Sharp (S).....Macedonia	
35 David D'Zern.....Miners' Circle		127 Alex Sharp.....Miners' Circle	
36 Samuel D'Zern.....Miners' Circle		128 Frank Sharp.....Wilson	
37 Car D'Zern.....Miners' Circle		129 Jas. D. Strickland.....Miners' Circle	
38 George D'Zern.....Miners' Circle		130 W. H. Slover (F).....Miners' Circle	
39 Noah Daugherty.....Miners' Circle		131 J. B. Slover (S).....Miners' Circle	
40 Thomas Davis.....Miners' Circle		132 S. H. Slover (S).....Miners' Circle	
41 A. T. Dabney.....Longfield		133 Jas. R. Slover.....Miners' Circle	
42 Sam M. Disney.....Miners' Circle		134 Sam L. Slover.....Miners' Circle	
43 William Evans.....Island Ford		135 Milburn Turner.....Wilson	
44 Edward Evans.....Disney		136 Jacob L. Vowell (F).....Longfield	
45 Charley Evans.....Island Ford		137 Elbert Vowell (S).....Longfield	
		138 B. Vowell (F).....Miners' Circle	
		139 George Vowell (S).....Briceville	

## CROSS MOUNTAIN MINE, BRICEVILLE, TENN.

WHERE 84 MEN AND BOYS WERE SUFFOCATED BY DEADLY GAS, DEC. 9, 1911.

Names of Deceased.	Place of Burial.	Names of Deceased.	Place of Burial.
1 James A. White.....New Circle		42 Eugene Peters.....Briceville	
2 Joe Farmer.....Robbins		43 Lynn Wood.....White Pine	
3 French Leinart.....Leinarts		44 Jas. Fouet.....Fouet	
5 E. F. Duncan.....New Circle		46 John Marshall.....New Circle	
6 Dan Martin.....Pemberton		47 Robert Hunter.....New Circle	
7 A. L. Haynes.....Briceville		48 Melvin McKamey.....New Circle	
8 T. A. Leatherwood, Jr. Cemetery		49 Durvin Pryor.....Leach	
9 Aaron Duncan.....New Circle		50 Will Irick.....Leach	
10 Arthur Smith.....New Circle		51 Monroe Vandergriff.....Leach	
11 John Duff.....Maryville		52 Ben Gallagher.....New Circle	
12 F. A. Duff.....Leach		53 Reuben Gaylor.....New Circle	
13 H. A. Irish.....Briceville		54 Lewis Teno.....Briceville	
14 Thomas Thomas.....Briceville		55 Harry Cannon.....Briceville	
15 Richard McQueen.....Briceville		56 Alonzo Martin.....Pleasant Hill	
16 Eugene Ault.....Briceville		57 Chas. Hill.....New Circle	
17 Taylor Ault.....Briceville		58 Edd Ridsen.....New Circle	
18 Henry Burton.....New Circle		59 R. J. Lester.....New Circle	
19 Chas. Kesterson, Jr. Cemetery		60 Thomas Martin.....Leach	
20 John White.....Briceville		61 Francis Ridenour.....Sharps	
		62 Isaac Duncan.....Briceville	
		63 Coster Payne.....Dayton	
		64 Thomas Marlow.....New Circle	
		65 C. E. Olvey.....New Circle	
		66 Oscar Olvey.....New Circle	
		67 E. J. Long.....Marlow	
		68 James Carden.....New Circle	
		69 Luther Wood.....New Circle	
		70 Geo. Slover.....Leach	
		71 Pat Vallalay.....Wiley	
		72 T. A. Marlin.....New Circle	
		73 Jas. A. Marlin.....New Circle	
		74 Jno. Allen, Jr.....New Circle	
		75 Jas. Robbins.....Sharps	
		76 Joe Ridenour.....Indian Creek	
		77 J. K. Cooper.....Briceville	
		78 J. F. Haynes.....Marlow	
		79 Jas. Gilbreath.....Briceville	
		80 Noah White.....New Circle	
		81 Chas. Whitted.....New Circle	
		82 Sil Hutson.....New Circle	
		83 Dan Phillips.....New Circle	
		84 Chas. White.....Briceville	

## STATEMENTS.

## Fraterville Mine Disaster

On the morning of Monday, May 19th, 1902, at 7:30, just after all the men had entered Fraterville mine, there occurred in that mine one of the most disastrous mine explosions that has ever occurred in America. Out of all the men and boys who were then in the mine, numbering somewhere from 180 to 200, not a single person escaped with his life. Some were killed instantly, some were shut up in small passages, and rooms and probably lived but a short time, while a good number were able to escape to the headings and entries in parts of the mine away from the explosion, and there exist for several hours, until death came from suffocation and after damp. Probably the longest any lived was from seven to eight hours, while most of them died within a much shorter time. The presence of unbearable heat and of after damp in the mine, prevented the escape and caused the death of all of those who were not injured in the explosion. The list of deaths herein printed is published as the most correct one obtainable from all available sources.

## Cross Mountain Mine Disaster

On the morning of Saturday, December 9th, 1911, at 7:20, just after all the men had entered Cross Mountain mine No. 1, a disastrous explosion occurred, causing the death of 84 men and boys out of the total number of 89, which had entered the mine, most of whom died from the effects of the deadly after damp. The list of dead herein printed was compiled by the Program committee of the citizens meeting at Briceville of April 13th, 1912, and is the most correct list obtained by it from all available sources.

## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES.

14th Anniversary of Fraterville Mine Disaster to be Held at Coal Creek Saturday May 19, in Memory of Those Who Lost Their Lives in

## FRATERVILLE MINE EXPLOSION.

Monday, May 19, 1902, and Cross Mountain Mine Explosion Briceville Saturday, Dec. 9, 1911. Services at Coal Creek, Morning Briceville Evening.

## COAL CREEK PROGRAM.

10:30 a. m., Called to order by W. G. Dyer, Master of Ceremonies. Prayer by C. R. Reed. Song by Choir. Reading names of men and boys who lost their lives in the Fraterville and Cross Mountain disasters of May 19, 1902 and December 9, 1911, by G. W. Ford. Song by Choir. Memorial Sermon Rev. R. L. Evans. Song by Choir. Reading resolutions. Appointing committees for 1918. Appointment of Committees to decorate graves. Benediction.

## Briceville Program

Night services to be held at Briceville the Opera House, with the following program: Called to order by H. L. Ault. Master of Ceremonies. Song by Choir. Prayer. Rev. Robert Lindsay. Song, by Choir. Memorial Sermon Rev. W. J. Dotson, and Rev. R. L. Evans. Song by Choir. Benediction.

J. A. Wilson W. L. Wilson, H. L. Ault T. P. James, Committee on Program.

## COMMITTEES TO DECORATE GRAVES

CIRCLE AND LEACH CEMETERIES: Chas. Kesterson, John T. Bryant, Geo. Pratt. WILEY CEMETERY: Chas. Sharp, J. L. Brooks. LONGFIELD CEMETERY: R. B. Sharp, A. G. Tiller, John Craig. WILSON CEMETERY: B. McKamey, Sam Watts, Sherman Wilson. BEECH GROVE CEMETERY: C. S. Adkins, Ed. Harris. BRICEVILLE CEMETERY: F. L. Lawson, P. C. White, James Vowell. NEW CIRCLE CEMETERY: G. A. Duce, V. L. Jackson, C. I. Williams. PLEASANT HILL AND ROBINS CEMETERIES: Carter Haskins, Sam Farmer, E. Phillips. Blowing Springs, Pemberton, Foust, Peto, Peto, J. E. Pemberton, A. A. Foust.

Memorial Committees for 1918: Masons, Coal Creek, W. L. Wilson, K. O. P., R. M. Edwards, J. O. O. F., C. T. Wilson, Jr. O. U. A. M., Geo. Pratt, Citizens, W. B. Campbell, R. W. Young, Charles A. Sharp. Masons, Briceville, T. P. James, J. O. O. F., V. L. Jackson, K. O. P., C. A. Dean, J. E. Peto, J. E. Pemberton, G. P. Norton, H. L. Ault.

## LATE NEWS

HAPPENINGS OVER COMMONWEALTH AS GLEANED FROM VARIOUS PLACES

Nashville.—An important meeting of representative business men of Nashville was held at the commercial club in the interest of the food preparedness campaign.

Nashville.—Insurance agents who are unlicensed will have to seek other fields than Tennessee, as State Insurance Commissioner Dunbar is on the lookout for them.

Memphis.—Cooperating in moves to combat the high cost of foodstuffs, the directors of the Tennessee club have ordered all young meats stricken from the club's menus.

Memphis.—A Red Cross hospital unit is to be established in Memphis. Dr. Battle Malone, a Vanderbilt graduate and well known in Nashville, will be its director.

Cleveland.—J. S. Roberts, venerable business man, prominent church member and faithful leader in all causes for good, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary.

Knoxville.—Forty-three members of the sophomore, junior and senior classes of the University of Tennessee have gone to Fort Oglethorpe to take military training.

Humboldt.—The Gibson county democratic executive committee met in Trenton and organized by electing T. K. Hoppel of Trenton chairman and T. J. Walsh of Humboldt secretary.

Brownsville.—A patriotic celebration will take place here on May 22. A 75-foot flag pole has been secured and planted in the ground of the Haywood county courthouse and a beautiful silk flag will be unfurled.

Newbern.—The town of Fowles has elected the following officers: Mayor, W. H. Fones; marshal, Tom Welch; aldermen, O. S. Huffman, H. W. Welch, S. L. Thornton, G. A. Journagan, E. L. Jones and D. H. Jones.

Memphis.—The history of the Ku Klux Klan was given delegates of the Tennessee division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy here in a paper read before the convention by Mrs. Grace M. Newhill of Pulaski.

Germantown.—The largest graduating class in the schools of Shelby county were awarded certificates at the Mabel Williams high school before the greatest audience that ever crowded the walls of the auditorium.

Jackson.—Judge N. R. Barham of the criminal court did not hesitate to excuse the farmers who had been summoned for jury service, feeling it more important for farmers to cultivate growing crops than do jury service.

Bolivar.—The May term of circuit court convened with Judge S. J. Everett presiding. L. E. Gwinn of Covington is acting as attorney general in the absence of Gen. Tipton. Several lawyers from a distance are in attendance.

Newbern.—Dr. Hubert Harris of Newbern, son of Albert Harris, who has been attending the University of Tennessee for the last five years, has been assigned to active service as assistant surgeon with the rank of lieutenant in the U. S. navy.

Fayetteville.—Mrs. Sarah Spears, aged 60 years, died suddenly of heart failure while crossing the square on her way to the depot. Mrs. Spears had received news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Gunn, at Normandy, and was on her way to attend the funeral.

Hendersonville.—The building committee of the proposed high school for Henderson held a meeting in this place and after inspecting the site discussed plans for the erection of the new building, having been authorized by the directors to proceed with the work at once.

Harrogate.—The Lincoln Memorial University has conferred upon Jacob M. Dickinson, former secretary of war; Marcus M. Marks, president of the borough of Manhattan; former Senator Theodore E. Burton of Ohio; Dr. W. S. McCombs of New York City; Harry S. Clarke of Knoxville, and Franklin S. Rutan of Ohio the degree of doctor of law.

Hartsville.—Mrs. Mary S. Dalton, the oldest person in Trousdale county, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Eliza Rodgers. Mrs. Dalton was born in the same house in which she died in January, 1818, and consequently was in her 100th year.

Knoxville.—A double tragedy occurred at Goin, Claiborne county, when Jordan Welch, aged 68, a farmer, killed his son Esco, aged 27, also a farmer, by firing two loads from a shotgun into the son's body and head and afterwards turned the weapon upon himself and took his own life.

Waco, Tex.—Far around and beyond whatever is exceptional and illustrious in human life stretches that which is average and unperceived.